

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 26, 2009 at 9:34 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Joel Boniek (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: SB 299, SB 348

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 299

00:01:27 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **SB 299 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:01:32 Chairman Himmelberger

00:01:58 Rep. Bean

00:02:25 **Motion:** Rep. Bean moved that **SB 299 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sth67a01)

Discussion:

00:02:37 Chairman Himmelberger

00:02:43 Rep. Bean

00:02:49 Rep. Phillips entered the room.

00:03:43 Rep. O'Hara

00:03:55 Rep. Washburn

00:04:33 Rep. Bean

00:05:00 Chairman Himmelberger

00:05:13 Rep. Bean

00:05:55 Chairman Himmelberger

00:06:05 Rep. Bean

00:06:29 Chairman Himmelberger

00:06:34 Rep. Hands entered the room.

00:06:45 Rep. Ingraham

00:07:09 Ms. Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division

00:07:14 Chairman Himmelberger

00:07:18 Rep. Dickenson

00:07:56 Rep. Bean

00:08:08 Rep. Wilmer

00:08:14 Rep. Bean

00:08:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Boniek, Rep. Caferro, and Rep. MacLaren voted by proxy.

00:09:04 **Motion:** Rep. Bean moved that **SB 299 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:09:09 Chairman Himmelberger

00:09:21 Rep. Bean

00:09:40 Chairman Himmelberger

00:10:07 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:10:32 Chairman Himmelberger

00:10:44 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:10:48 Chairman Himmelberger

00:10:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Brown voting no. Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Boniek, Rep. Caferro, and Rep. MacLaren voted by proxy. Rep. O'Hara will carry the bill in the House.

00:11:41 Chairman Himmelberger
00:12:18 Rep. MacLaren entered

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 348

00:12:25 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **SB 348 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:12:30 Chairman Himmelberger
00:12:37 Rep. Phillips

00:13:11 **Motion:** Rep. Malek moved that **SB 348 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth67a02)

Discussion:

00:13:22 Chairman Himmelberger
00:13:30 Rep. Malek
00:16:37 Rep. Van Dyk
00:17:30 Rep. Malek
00:17:55 Rep. Van Dyk
00:18:01 Rep. Malek
00:18:11 Rep. Van Dyk
00:18:19 Rep. Brown
00:18:35 Rep. Malek
00:18:40 Rep. MacLaren
00:18:59 Rep. Bean
00:19:12 Rep. Malek
00:19:44 Rep. Bean
00:19:50 Chairman Himmelberger
00:21:14 Rep. Phillips
00:22:30 Chairman Himmelberger
00:23:02 Rep. Brown
00:23:26 Chairman Himmelberger
00:23:43 Rep. Malek
00:24:34 Rep. Wilmer
00:25:33 Chairman Himmelberger
00:26:22 Rep. Malek
00:26:45 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:27:10 Rep. Hendrick
00:27:31 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:28:24 Rep. Phillips
00:29:04 Ms. Heffelfinger

00:29:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Boniek, and Rep. Caferro voted by proxy.

00:30:05 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **SB 348 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:30:10 Chairman Himmelberger
00:30:18 Rep. Hands
00:30:56 Rep. Phillips
00:31:40 Chairman Himmelberger
00:33:13 Rep. Wilmer
00:33:31 Rep. Malek
00:34:02 Rep. Phillips
00:34:54 Rep. Dickenson
00:36:10 Rep. Brown
00:36:40 Rep. Washburn
00:37:02 Rep. Dickenson
00:37:34 Rep. Van Dyk
00:38:02 Chairman Himmelberger

00:38:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Boniek, and Rep. Caferro voted by proxy. Rep. Himmelberger will carry the bill in the House.

00:38:47 Chairman Himmelberger

Committee Discussion on Letter to Secretary of State:

00:39:34 Ms. Heffelfinger
EXHIBIT(sth67a03)
00:42:05 Chairman Himmelberger
00:42:18 Rep. MacLaren
00:42:30 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:43:07 Rep. Brown
00:43:34 Chairman Himmelberger
00:43:53 Rep. Bean
00:44:03 Chairman Himmelberger

Committee Discussion on LC2325:

00:44:51 Ms. Heffelfinger
EXHIBIT(sth67a04)

00:48:20 Rep. Dickenson exited the room.
00:52:19 Chairman Himmelberger
00:52:51 Rep. Ingraham
00:53:35 Rep. Brown
00:54:05 Chairman Himmelberger
00:54:20 Rep. Wilmer
00:55:53 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:56:08 Rep. MacLaren
00:56:29 Ms. Heffelfinger
00:57:14 Chairman Himmelberger
00:58:27 Rep. Hendrick
00:58:35 Rep. Brown and Rep. Van Dyk exited the room.
00:58:57 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:00:08 Adjournment: 9:34 A.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth67aad.pdf](#))